GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Faulty Design of NHs
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the faulty design of National Highways is the main reason for road accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any training has been given to the Indian Highway engineers for construction of National Highways as per the international standards and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there have been an increase in the road accidents during the last few years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the policy formulated by the Government for road safety?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) No Madam. Road accidents occur due to several reasons like driver's fault, inadequate road user education, lack of enforcement, defects in the condition of roads etc.

(b) Training of Highway Engineers in design and construction of Highways as per National & International standards including in Road Safety aspects is a continuous activity. During the last 3 years, 2776 engineers have been trained in design, construction and Road Safety aspects of Highways by Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) functioning under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

(c) and (d) Yes Madam. There has been an increase of road accidents during the last few years. Government has taken several measures like formulation and implementation of National road safety policy, identification and rectification of road accident black spots, improvement of road safety through road safety annual plans, carrying out of road safety audits etc.

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